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1. SWEDISH MISSION HOSTED LUNCHEON OF WEO HUMAN RIGHTS MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS MAY 16, IN HONOR OF SWEDISH HR REP HANS DANIELIUS, WHO WAS IN GENEVA FOR LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

2. IN THE DISCUSSION FOLLOWING LUNCHEON, DANIELIUS REVIEWED THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THIS YEAR'S HR SESSION AND STRESSED NEED FOR THE WEST TO WORK TOGETHER, CLOSELY, IN PREPARATION FOR THE 35TH HRC SESSION AND FOR THE WORKING GROUPS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD JUST PRIOR TO THAT SESSION. HE PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR THE WG ON FURTHER PROMOTION.....OF HUMAN RIGHTS STATING THAT WEO'S SHOULD BE CREATIVE AND DO MORE THAN REACT TO THIRD WORLD INITIATIVES.

3. DANIELIUS REPORTED THAT NO ACTION HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE DRAFT CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOME ACTIVITY WOULD TAKE PLACE, POSSIBLY IN  
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SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REPLIES FROM GOVERNMENTS ON THE PRESENT TEXT (REF A).

4. AFTER REVIEWING THE LIST OF HR MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT EIGHT MONTHS, THE GROUP AGREED TO HOLD A SERIES OF MEETINGS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND DEVELOP INITIATIVES AND TO EXPLORE WAYS OF HOLDING ON TO THE

MODEST GAINS MADE DURING THE 34TH HRC SESSION.

5. ONE PROGRAM WHERE INITIATIVES MIGHT BE INTRODUCED IS THE SEPTEMBER SEMINAR ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS (REF B). HOWEVER, THE GROUP CONCEDED THAT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT IN THAT PARTICULAR FORUM GIVEN THE UNUSUAL ASSORTMENT OF COUNTRIES INVITED, MANY OF THEM, NOT ACTIVE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SPHERE AND NOT KNOWN FOR THEIR VIGOROUS SUPPORT OF WESTERN POSITIONS.

6. DANELIUS ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEER STATES ON THE HRC. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE GROUP THAT THE INCREASE IS INEVITABLE BUT THE WEST SHOULD DECIDE ON THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL STATES IT WANTS AND THEN WORK OUT A STRATEGY TO WIN ITS GOAL.

7. PARTICIPANTS, WHO PLAN TO MEET AGAIN IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY, INCLUDED: AUSTRALIA, CANADA, DENMARK, FRG, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, SWITZERLAND, THE U.K., AND THE USA.SORENSEN

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